

Start initiative for Cameron and Willacy Counties Community Projects (CWCCP). There, she continued her work on behalf of South Texas youth and families, and collaborated with the Policy Council, Board of Directors, and other staff members to carry out the Head Start mission. With the belief that there is strength in numbers, Ms. Rendon made the pivotal decision to work with community leaders to create a network of support for children and families.

As CWCCP's Head Start Director, Ms. Rendon became dissatisfied by the lack of resources available to Head Start parents. Ms. Rendon faced this challenge with purpose and determination; and worked to reform the program and champion a new initiative. In 1989, with the support of Head Start parents and other community leaders, Ms. Rendon established the non-profit organization *Neighbors In Need of Services, Inc. (NINOS)*. The purpose of NINOS was to advocate for the Head Start program in Cameron and Willacy counties, and it quickly succeeded.

NINOS was awarded a Head Start grant in 1990 and has continued to successfully secure funding for programming to support local families. The program, which initially served a few hundred children, now serves over 2,400 Head Start and Early Head Start families; and provides a wide range of services including health and nutritional assessments, medical and dental follow-ups, individualized "school readiness," nutritional meals and snacks, and pre- and post-natal education for pregnant women.

Ms. Rendon is the driving force behind the success of NINOS—she has created a quality program that is nationally recognized by the Head Start community by focusing not only on early childhood education, but also on parent involvement. She has even provided parents with opportunities to travel and advocate for Head Start in Texas and across the country.

Ms. Rendon's commitment to Texas families began with Head Start in Harlingen, but her influence goes far beyond that. She has served on and chaired many boards and committees including the Region VI Head Start Association, Texas Head Start Association Board of Directors, Texas Department of Human Services Licensing Advisory Council, State Colonias Advisory Committee, and Texas Southmost College Early Childhood Advisory Council.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Manuela Rendon, who after 50 years of service continues to be a voice for those in need, and whose dedication to bettering the lives of children strengthens the health and prosperity of South Texas families.

CONGRATULATING SOUTH MILLVILLE GUN CLUB

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, in 1946, the South Millville Gun Club was founded in South Jersey. For the past 75 years, the club has served as a place for its members and their families to gather, hunt, celebrate, and enjoy the outdoors. The South Millville Gun Club has been a member of the New Jersey

Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs since 1959 and an esteemed NRA member since 1969. This club has been a significant part of the South Jersey community for almost four decades. The club hosts various events like their Super Bowl Wing and Rib Sale and their famous Ham and Oyster Dinner. Congratulations to the South Millville Gun Club on their recent proclamation, which recognizes the past 75 years, and the next 75 years to come. God Bless the South Millville Gun Club, and God Bless America.

HONORING VICTORIA BARRIOS

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Victoria Barrios. While her life was cut short by a senseless drive-by shooting, Victoria Barrios lived her 18 years as a loving daughter, sister, and faithful friend.

Born November 4, 2000, Victoria was a bright, kind-hearted, well-spoken young lady with an infectious laugh and a soft heart for elderly people. At only 5 feet tall and 90 pounds, she was courageous and stood up for anyone who she felt was being disrespected, shamed or bullied.

Now gone for two years, her family continues to search for those responsible for ending Victoria's life.

I pray there is justice for Victoria and her family.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ROCK OF AGES MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Rock of Ages Missionary Baptist Church, a house of worship in Detroit, Michigan, as its members celebrate the church's fiftieth anniversary, as well as fifty years under the leadership of Pastor Jerome R. McAfee.

The church began in the humble home of Pastor and Sister Jerome McAfee. Starting with a small congregation of fourteen worshippers, the church has moved several times throughout the city of Detroit. Worshipers have found solace from Gratiot Street to Van Dyke, eventually growing large enough and moving to their current place of worship on Evergreen street. The church has continued to be inspired by the singular goal of spreading the gospel, and they have structured several ministries allowing their members to serve and carry out the mission of the church.

Rock of Ages Missionary Baptist Church has enriched the lives of so many—whether that be the members of the congregation or the recipients of their volunteer work, the church has been an important part of the community. As the church continues to grow into the future, it will remain a welcoming environment full of prayer, praise, fellowship, and mutual aid, where every person is a valued member of a beautiful community. This legacy lives

on in the inspiring longevity of Pastor McAfee's service.

Please join me in tribute to Pastor Jerome R. McAfee and the members of Rock of Ages Missionary Baptist Church as we recognize its fiftieth anniversary.

RECOGNIZING NICHOLAS CRIPPS— EAGLE SCOUT

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the pleasure of presenting Nick Cripps with his Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Nick was born and raised in Wildwood, South Jersey with his parents and two siblings. While playing youth sports, he became a Webelos at Glenwood Avenue Elementary School. Once Nick became of eligible age, he joined Boy Scout Troop 75 and eventually obtained his Eagle Scout. For his Eagle Scout project, he sand blasted and power washed the 4,200 square foot ceiling of the fire house engine room of the Wildwood Fire Department Headquarters. For this project, Nick demonstrated leadership by serving as the project manager. His project made the fire engine room safer for everyone who walks through the fire house. This young man should be proud of his accomplishments and it was my honor to have had the opportunity to recognize him for his service to the South Jersey community. God Bless Nick, and God Bless America.

HONORING VETERAN EMILY QUILLEN

HON. VICTORIA SPARTZ

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Mrs. SPARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight a veteran constituent of mine, Emily Quillen of Anderson, Indiana. Emily is a Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) peer mentor at Aspire Indiana.

As a veteran of the United States Army, Emily understands the difficulty of finding the necessary resources when returning home after service in the Armed Forces. In her current role, she connects veterans with available housing and assists them with needs like transportation, child care support, and the search for full-time employment.

I thank Emily for her continued service to our nation's veterans and Indiana's Fifth Congressional District.

RECOGNIZING ALYSSA SULLIVAN: MISS NEW JERSEY

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, the Miss America Pageant began in Atlantic City and was held there until 2018. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the pageant, and once